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CETCO Letter to EPA Region 2.pdf

Judy:

It has been a long time since we have met during my days in NYS government at DEC.

I am writing to seek a meeting with you to discuss a soil washing enterprise, Pear Technologies, which I have been advising for a couple of years.

On September 26, 2011, our lead partner, CETCO, sent you a short letter (attached - apologies for their spelling your last name incorrectly) requesting consideration for becoming involved in the remediation efforts of the lower Passaic River. They have agreed to partner with PearTech to initiate a soil washing business venture that they want to use both here and in Europe as part of their technologies to remediate hazardous waste sites.

We both have noted your leadership efforts to accelerate the remediation of hazardous waste sites in the Region 2 area. We also note that you are an advocate in encouraging the demonstration and participation of alternative technologies to clean up, not merely dig and bury, these contaminated sites so that they can be restored to productive, economic benefit to localities.

I have long believed that there should be a technology to clean contaminated soils without resorting to high temperature incineration, encapsulation, dig, remove and rebury approaches and discovered a group that has commercially and successfully proven a soil washing application. They successful worked this technology at the Kearny site of BASF. The operating company for that project was Groundwater Treatment and Technology (GWTT) in New Jersey. So I helped PearTech enter into an operating agreement with GWTT and also approached CETCO to become their preferred soil washing sub-contractor. These two joint venture partners bring a long history of financial stability, commitment and accomplishment to get cleanup jobs done properly, on budget and on time.

I would love the opportunity to meet with you and our team to see if there is an opportunity to work on the cleanup of the lower Passaic River Project and hopefully many other clean up opportunities that are facing us in the region.

Many thanks for your consideration.

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